closure of an industrial undertaking would be made part of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947;

(c) if so, whether this ID Act, 1947, which is nearly five decades old, requires extensive amendments or is required to be substituted by a fresh ID Act; and

(d) if so, by when this is likely to happen?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employment for women

†5336. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the possibility of getting employment for the women in various sectors has increased following the provision of allowing them to work in the night shift;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) At present, no data is available on this aspect.

Advantage to garment sector

5337. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering relaxation of labour laws to provide a flexi-labour advantage to the garment sector;

(b) whether this move is to provide Indian garment exporters a competitive edge over China in the matter of economics or scale; and

(c) whether the workers' unions would be taken into confidence before such relaxations are made effective?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.